



Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community

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held August 11, 2009 at the Tempe Public Library Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:

Nejra Sumic, Community Bridges
Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District
Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District
Maria Holmes, Association for Supportive Childcare
Rae Godson, Tempe Resident
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections
Mark Wertsching, Maricopa County Juvenile Court & Probation
Luis Morales, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.
Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council

MEMBERS Absent:

Sandra McNally, EMPACT—SPC
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Mac McGinn, Tempe Resident
Alan Anderson, Checkmate Chess Instruction/TIE Foundation
Colleen Byron, Arizona State University

City Staff Present:

Kim Bauman, Community Services – Social Services
Tim Cox, Community Services - Social Services
Roni Alexander, Community Services – Social Services
Heather Penner, Police Department
Nancy Rodriguez, Municipal Court
Kathy Berzins, Community Services

Guests Present:

Mickie Berry, City of Tempe, Community Services – Social Services
Linda Littell, Tempe Union High School District

Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Kathy Berzins called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes from June 9, 2009 Meeting

The minutes from June 9, 2009 were reviewed.

MOTION: Nancy Rodriguez motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Heather Penner seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Determination of 2009-11 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds

1) Kim Bauman, City of Tempe provided the following overview of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant:

- The City of Tempe is eligible for \$22,187 in funding. As in the past, the Town of Gilbert contributed their block grant allotment in the amount of \$3,128 to the City of Tempe.
- The grant is for two years beginning on October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010. The grant application is due on August 21st. Approval of proposed use of the block grant funds needs to occur by this committee, which continues to serve as the City's JABG Local Advisory Board.
- The City proposes using the 2009-11 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to sustain the Empowering Teens and Parents (E-TAP) Program funded under the 2007 and 2008 JABG grants.

2) Mickie Berry, City of Tempe E-TAP Program provided the following information:

- The eight week program consists of weekly 90 minute youth life skills groups and parenting skills groups. The program was originally developed for the Maricopa County Juvenile Court to strengthen parenting strategies and improve parent-child relationships to reduce recidivism.
- The program serves young men referred by the Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department and their parents. The program can also accept Tempe police and court referred youth and their parents. Parents and youth attend the program together, working in separate groups.
- The program has been very favorably received by the parents, youth participants, and the juvenile probation officers.

3) The following program outcomes for the 2007 JABG grant were provided:

- 28 youth participated in the program and 96% completed the program. 93% of the program youth did not reoffend while in the program. Participants' knowledge of personal and social competency skills increased an average of 8.45% as measured on the pre-post test.
- 31 parents participated in the program and 71% completed the program. Parents knowledge of effective parenting skills increased an average of 8.75% as measured on the pre-post test.

4) Mark Werschting, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department notified committee members that the Court has experienced budget cuts. There are few court funded programs available for probation youth and their parents. The E-TAP Program provides needed services to probation youth and their parents.

MOTION: Joe Spracale, TIE Foundation motioned to approve utilizing the City of Tempe's 2009-11 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to continue the Empowering Teens and Parents Program.

SECOND: Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4- Magellan Funded Committee Coordinator

Kim Bauman, City of Tempe introduced **Bobbie Cassano**. She has been hired by Tempe Community Council to coordinate this committee's oversight and implementation of Magellan funded coalition strategies to reduce underage drinking.

Agenda Item 5- Tempe's Strategic Plan to Target Underage Drinking and Drug Use

Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council distributed Tempe's Strategic Plan to Target Underage Drinking and Drug Use. This community initiative was developed by the Underage Drinking and Drug Use Planning Committee, which has merged with this committee. Bobbie highlighted the four main issues identified by the planning committee and the committee's proposed solutions. The report is also available on-line at <http://www.tempe.gov/tcc/Planning/TaskForceReport/UnderageDrinkingReport2009.pdf>.

Agenda Item 6- Committee Subcommittees

Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council announced we would like to have three subcommittees to work on the coalition strategies to reduce underage drinking in Tempe.

- The Marketing Subcommittee will work on developing the community-wide media campaign on underage drinking. The subcommittee would be responsible for planning and overseeing the logo, t-shirt, and video contests. This subcommittee would need to get started right away and will need to meet regularly.
- The Keg Registration Ordinance subcommittee will work on a feasibility study for a keg registration ordinance in Tempe. There is interest in a keg registration ordinance in a number of communities and a possible state-wide effort. Pima Prevention Partnership is coordinating a state-wide workgroup of interested in communities, which will communicate primarily by conference calls and email. This committee will likely only need to meet quarterly.
- The Data Collection/Maintenance Subcommittee would be responsible for on-going data collection and for overseeing the youth community mapping project on liquor and tobacco outlets in Tempe. This committee would also probably only need to meet quarterly.
- A subcommittee sign-up sheet was distributed to committee members.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Chair/Co-Chairs

Kim Bauman, City of Tempe announced the committee would still like to have a chair who is not employed by the City of Tempe. A description of the chair position will be created and distributed to members prior to our next meeting. If anyone is interested in chairing the committee please contact Kim. Chair elections will occur no later than the October meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Tempe Union High School District Community Education Update

Linda Littell, TUHSD provided the following update:

- 1) The district is developing a community education department that emphasizes partnering with the community to enhance educational experiences. A planning team comprised of district and community representatives is leading this process.
- 2) The NPLB University Workshops will now fall under community education.
- 3) The district is collaborating with the City's Parks and Recreation Department to offer a variety of activities on school campuses.
- 4) The district is exploring collaborating with the private sector to offer a culinary arts program.

- 5) A summer Math/Science Academy that brings in students from feeder schools has been established and will be expanded to more high school sites. A similar summer Fine Arts Academy will be established.
- 6) An RFP will be released to have a variety of vendors offer classes on school campuses.

Agenda Item 9 – TUHSD Extracurricular Activities Budget Cuts Update

Randy Lazar, TUHSD provided the following update:

- 1) Rather than cut extracurricular activities in most cases the high schools looked at sponsor stipends and made adjustments to those stipends.
- 2) The majority of activities budget cuts were site-specific so parents, students, and other community members should contact the individual high schools to see what activities have been impacted, if any.
- 3) The high schools were sponsoring eight drama productions and one musical production per year. There have been reductions made in the number of yearly theatrical productions.
- 4) The chess club sponsor stipends at two sites were cut and one school eliminated their chess club.
- 5) The high schools still offer a variety of extra-curricular activities to meet the interests and needs of its students.

Agenda Item 10 – Other Grant and Program Updates

- 1) **Randy Lazar, TUHSD District** announced the following:
 - The district's Safe School/Healthy Students grant application, which included a proposal to fund school resource officers and expand high school based prevention counselors, was not funded. No schools in Arizona were awarded this grant this funding cycle.
 - The District received notification on their Title IV grant and will receive a few thousand dollars less than last year. The district has an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Tempe to provide part-time prevention counselors on their campuses.
- 2) **Roni Alexander, City of Tempe** reported the part-time high school prevention counselors have all been hired and they are looking forward to another year of providing services to students.
- 3) **Linda Littell, TUHSD** announced the district, in partnership with Communities in Schools, has established a Teen Resource Center on the Evans/Compadre campus. The center provides clothing, toiletries and a food bank for students. Also, Horizons has partnered with the campus to provide a daycare program for infants and preschool aged children.
- 4) **Kathy Berzins, City of Tempe** announced Kid Zone will be providing a preschool program on the Getz campus.
- 5) **Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections** reported the Tempe Public Library and Tempe Connections have received a grant through the Pasqui Yaqui Tribe for a Veterans History Project. Veterans will be interviewed and their stories recorded and stored. Also, an intergenerational program will be developed.

Agenda Item 11 – Announcements

- 1) **Kim Bauman, City of Tempe** made the following announcements:
 - The Tempe Diablos have donated \$12,000 to support the 2010 YouthFest Courage Awards and Tempe Top Teens Recognition.
 - The Diablos have also donated \$18,000 to the Experience Corps Program.
- 2) **Kathy Berzins, City of Tempe** announced the Tempe Diablos have contributed \$16,000 to the Library's homework.com program.
- 3) **Tim Cox, City of Tempe** announced the Tempe Diablos have donated \$8,500 to CARE 7.

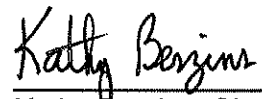
Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

- Committee Chair Description and Nominations
- Please contact Kim Bauman for future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **September 8, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman



Kathy Berzins, Chair